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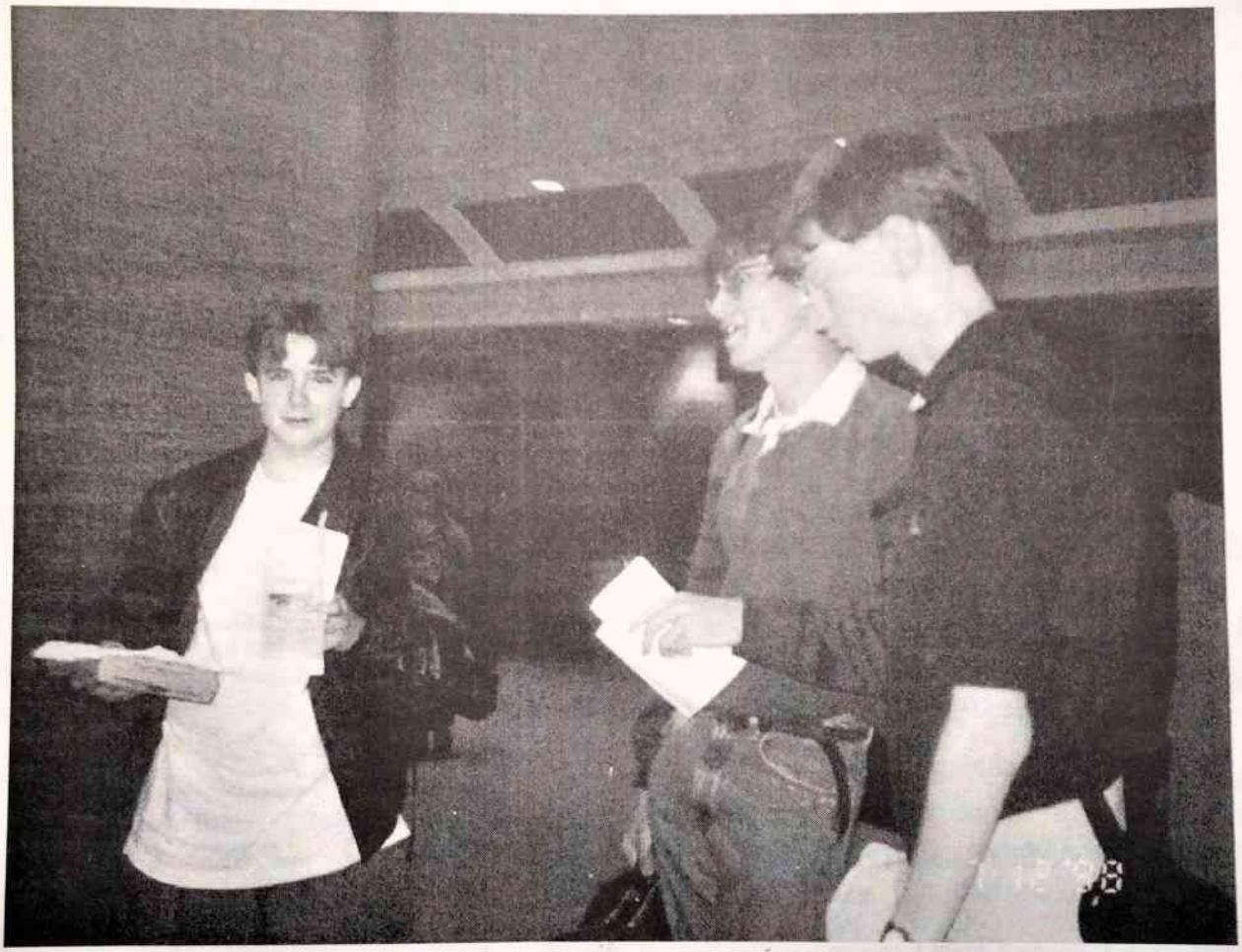

Andy Reeder, Andrew Whatley and Daniel Thomas prior to their departure to England and the 1998 International Youth Team Tournament, held from July 14 - 16 and sponsored by the British Chess Federation. Photo courtesy of Barbara Reeder.

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President's Letter *by Bill Melvin*

Last issue I reported a rumor of the Antics winning an Honorable Mention at a 1998 U.S. Open awards ceremony. Let's go right ahead and clear up the uncertainty. As reported in the November 1997 Chess Life, the Antics took home FIVE Honorable Mentions at the Chess Journalists of America (CJA) annual meeting. The five Honorable Mentions are:

Best State Magazine, Open - Interestingly, we should have been in the category for Best State Magazine Under 1000 Circulation. We took second place with the big boys!

Most Improved Magazine - The judges obviously hadn't seen our magazine for a few years. We'll accept this honor for whichever year we should have won it!

Best Human Interest Story - Kudos to Bobby Edwards for his article "The Chess Life."

Best Analysis, Other - Kudos to A.J. Goldsby for "In Quest of a State Championship."

Best Instruction - Even more kudos (hey, kudos are cheap and I like to hand them out...) to A.J. Goldsby for "In Quest of a State Championship." Winning two honors with one article is really praiseworthy.

After such an exceptional showing, it is easy to aspire to even higher goals for the coming year. Let's go ahead and win some awards outright! We now understand the protocol for submitting articles to the CJA. Let's make an extra push for quality and try to outdo ourselves. Submit an article and receive recognition like Bobby and A.J.

The USCF has started making an extra effort to stay in contact with the State Affiliates over the past few months. Apparently, some State Presidents were complaining (hey, it wasn't me!) about the lack of communications with our national organization. The USCF response has been most positive and encouraging. Kudos to the USCF!

One of the initiatives that the USCF is pushing is the formation of a National Collegiate Chess League (NCCL). The NCCL plans to play games over the internet between colleges. The first tournament just started (from January 31 through March 14) and the NCCL looks like a lot of fun. Feel free to contact me for more information.

College chess is an area I would really like to see grow within Alabama. The USCF has some excellent ideas for organizing a college chess club and I'd also like to offer support to anyone interested in starting such a program. College chess clubs are usually embraced by the school and are fairly easy to start. All that is needed is an enthusiastic person on the inside willing to put in some work and see it through. Give me a call if you are such a person!

Kudos to everyone who read this far! Enjoy the magazine.

ACF Business Meeting

An ACF Executive Board Meeting will be held at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, February 21 at the playing site of the Queen of Hearts chess tournament(see display ad on page 24). All are invited to attend and help coordinate future state activities. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Voting on proposed ACF Membership changes. The ACF Executive Board was tasked at the last Business Meeting to evaluate membership alternatives and have proposals ready for this meeting.

2. Bidding for the 1999 State Championship, 1999 State Scholastic Grade Championship, 2000 State Scholastic Individual Championship, and 2000 State Scholastic Team Championship.

3. Review of upcoming state tournaments.

4. Discussion of ACF support for National Chess Day (September 15, 1999).

The Killing Fields *by Bill Melvin*

All is fair in war. Leading the attackers into a position which seems secure yet which is in fact vulnerable must be elementary military strategy. Countless soldiers have died as the result of being unknowingly led into a "killing field" upon which enemy weaponry had long since been calibrated. Wiping out the enemy before a fair fight has begun is a worthy objective in war. It is also a worthy objective in chess.

So, we go off to our first chess tournament hoping that our opponents will fall for something like: 1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nf6, 3. Ne5 Ne4??, 4. Qe2 Nf6??, 5. Nc6 with the win of a queen. Unfortunately, strong chess players rarely fall into such simple traps. Should we give up on finding these "killing fields?" Of course not.

The opening repertoires of the world's strongest Grandmasters are composed almost entirely of "killing fields." Their opponents are immediately faced with unpleasant choices whenever facing one of these top players. While playable moves may exist in theory, it is only a select few players in the world who can actually find these moves over the board.

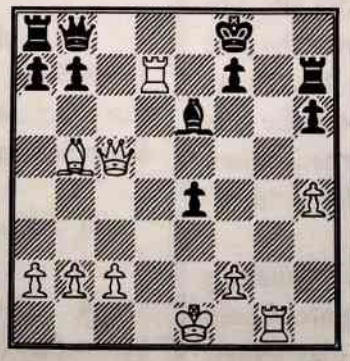
For the rest of the world's chess players, we must be content to have just a few "killing fields" in our repertoire. This article details the identification and usage of one such "killing field." It is hoped that this inspires the reader to search for more.

My story begins around 1989. I had answered 1. e4 with 1. ... e5 since I started playing chess. I had begun to loathe some of the positions this produced. After a "must win" game ended in a dull draw where only my opponent had chances, I decided to switch to the Sicilian Defense (1. ... c5) with black.

While I liked the unbalanced nature of the Sicilian, I hadn't initially decided upon the exact variation which I would play. I tried the Najdorf and promptly lost the black side three times in one nightmare Atlanta tournament! I even tried the Dragon and noticed that the whole game seemed to be in someone's book. While eventually trying virtually everything, I had the following encounter in 1990:

Vulcan Open May 27, 1990
Round 5 Board 2 50/2 15/30
Sicilian Defense Keres Attack
A.J. Goldsby (2195) Bill Melvin (2151)

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 e6, 6. g4 h6, 7. h4 Nc6, 8. Rg1 Be7, 9. Be3 Nd4, 10. Bd4 e5, 11. Be3 Be6, 12. Be2 d5, 13. g5 Ne4, 14. Bb5 Kf8, 15. gh gh, 16. Qh5 Bf6, 17. Ne4 de4, 18. Bc5 Be7, 19. Qe5 Rh7, 20. Rad1 Qb8, 21. Be7 Ke7, 22. Rd7 Kf8, 23. Qc5 Black Resigns 1 - 0



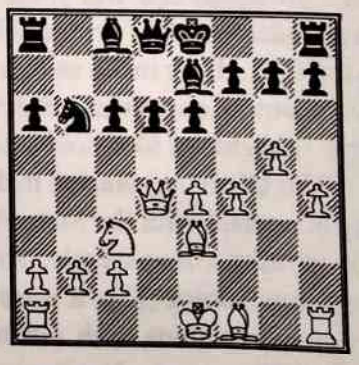
Final position

Ouch! I cannot recall losing more routinely. From listening to A.J. after the game was over, I was led to believe that he didn't have to think much at all. Instead of trying to find my precise losing move, I elected to just retire the whole Scheveningen Sicilian idea.

Ordinarily, the tale would end here. However, I was most impressed with the attacking position that white received with ease. I decided to add this opening to my repertoire. As I saw it, the Keres Attack was a "killing field." It took less than a year for my first opportunity:

Space City Open April, 7, 1991
Round 5 Board 1 40/100 15/30
Sicilian Defense Keres Attack
Bill Melvin (2222) Joe Jones (2160)

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 d6, 6. g4 Nc6, 7. g5 Nd7, 8. h4 Nb6, 9. Be3 Be7, 10. f4 a6??, 11. Nc6 bc6, 12. Qd4



Position after 12. Qd4

(My first win against Kyle Therrell happened a year later when he resigned in this position! Joe manages to make a fight of it.)

12. ... Rb8, 13. Qg7 Rf8, 14. Qh7 d5, 15. g6 fg, 16. Qg6 Kd7, 17. O-O-O Rg8, 18. Qh5 Qf8, 19. f5 Kc7, 20. Bf4 Bd6, 21. Bd6 Kd6, 22. e5 Kc7, 23. f6 Qb4, 24. a3 Qf4, 25. Rd2 Nd7, 26. Qf7 Rg3, 27. Qe6 Ne5, 28. Qd5 Nf3, 29. Qa5 Rb6, 30. Na4 Nd2, 31. Qb6 Kd7, 32. Qa7 Ke6, 33. Qe7 Kf5, 34. Bd3 Rd3, 35. Qh7 Kf6, 36. Qd3 Nf3, 37. Kb1 Bf5, 38. Qc3 Kf7, 39. Nc5 Nd4, 40. Nd3 Bd3, 41. Qd3 Black Resigns.

Having played these games, I was glad to see another chance at a Keres Attack during the most recent 1998 Huntsville City Championship (which I won 5-0 for the second straight year).

Huntsville City Championship
Nov 9, 1998 Round 4 Board 1
Sicilian Defense Keres Attack
40/60 SD/30

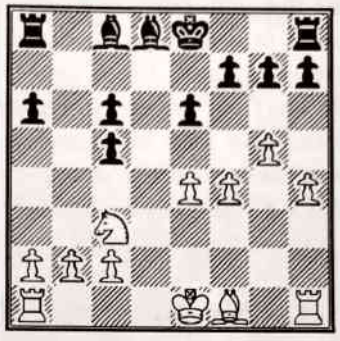
Bill Melvin (2244)	**Bijan Khaleghi (1920)**
1. e4	**c5**
2. Nf3	**d6**
3. d4	**cd**
4. Nd4	**Nf6**
5. Nc3	**e6**
6. g4	**Be7**
7. g5	**Nfd7**
8. h4	**Nc6**
9. Be3	**a6**
10. f4	**...**

I was most happy here. I had played this exact position in the two games given above and both games were most pleasant. My confidence is high that this position is a "killing field." It does not surprise me to see world class Grandmasters taking drastic measures in an attempt to transpose into the Keres Attack (such as 1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 a6, 6. Rg1!? with the idea of g4). Of course, I couldn't wait to see if my opponent would "find" 10. ... Nb6??

10. ...	**Nc5?**

It appears that this position has more than one bad move! Certainly, 10. .... Qc7 keeps black alive. But, he would still be in the middle of a "killing field." This position looks hard to play for black.

11. Nc6	**bc6**
12. Bc5	**dc5**
13. Qd8	**Bd8!?**



Position after 13. ...Bd8?

The only move to save a pawn is 13. ... Kd8 which must be black's best. Despite facing the bishop pair, white's position must be preferable.

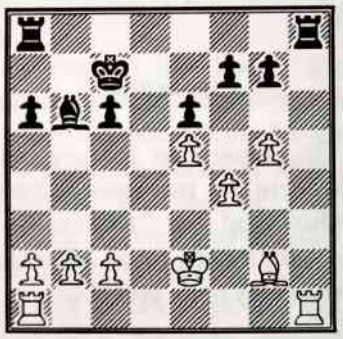
14. Na4	**h6**

The obvious 14. ... Be7 doesn't work too well as white has 15. Nb6 Rb8, 16. Nc8 Rc8, 17. Ba6 with a free pawn.

15. e5	**hg**
16. Bg2	**Ba5?!**

This check is not good under any circumstances. I was most worried about 16. ... gf, 17. Bc6 Bd7, 18. Ba8 Ba4 when black has some interesting compensation for the Exchange. While white is probably still winning, this seems to do a better job of muddying the waters.

17. Ke2	**Bd7**
18. hg	**Ke7**
19. Nc5	**Bb6**
20. Nd7	**Kd7**
21. Rad1	**Kc7**



Position after 21. ... Kc7

The drawing tendencies of opposite colored bishops are frequently overrated. Here, they actually help white attack black's weak point on c6.

22. Rd6	**Rh1**
23. Rc6	**Kd7**
24. Bh1	**Rh8**
25. Rb6	**Rh1**
26. Ra6	**resigns**

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The next time you get blown off the board and lose miserably, ask yourself if you just learned something worth playing from the other side. Maybe, you have just been taught about another "killing field."

Reflections on the Georgia Open *by Andrew Whatley*

The following is my account of the Georgia Open held on 11/20-11/22/1997. I hope everyone enjoys these games as much as I did, and my thoughts about the tournament in general.

Preparation

In preparation for any tournament there are two main factors. 1) Psychological and 2) Chess Knowledge. Both need to be addressed in order to play one's best chess.

I) Psychological. Have you ever lost your concentration during the game by thinking about work, school, family, music, etc.? I'm sure we all have at one time another. I could, in fact, name countless times in just one game that I have. This problem generally can be corrected by focusing on the importance of the game at hand. However, in some cases, these distractions may be linked to physical fatigue, stress away from the board, and other problems that can be prevented through psychological preparation. For instance, the following should be general guidelines:

1. *Get enough rest ... Sleep is the #1 biggest preparation* for a tourney. A prime example is when I played in London last July. I played horribly the first few days. Why? I'm sure a good deal of my inability to think clearly must be blamed on the 30 or so hours I stayed up the night before the first round.

2. *Eat healthy and exercise.* Your body and mind cannot perform to their best abilities unless they are in good shape. In addition, exercise gives you the endurance for those long games. Personally, I know that when my stomach has been hurting due to indegestion, my mind thinks more about my stomach than the chessboard when I am playing a game. Not surprisingly, my game then seems to deteriorate .

3. *Be relaxed.* As if the stresses of a chess game were not enough, unfortunately, chessplayers have combined this with other stresses. When you are in a game is no time to be distressed about life. Your mind should be free from everything so that you can give your full energy to the task at hand. So, settle your problems or draw a line from them before you set down to the chessboard.

II) Chess Knowledge. How can you win a game without the proper tools? Psychological preparation has given you the opportunity to play the best. But only chess knowledge can give you the information needed to win a chess game. To quote Boris Kogan, "He who studies is luckier." If you want to play for fun, that's fine. But if you want to win, you'll have to have to put in the time.

All right, enough practical advice. I will now share with you my preparation for this tourney. Psychologically, I had been somewhat depressed since October. However, an amazing thing happened Friday morning. As I was driving to school, I momentarily lost control of my car on the interstate. After a few swerves, I regained control and was able to stay in my lane. But for a moment, my life flashed in front of my eyes. Needless to say, I was happy to be alive. This euphoria carried me through the weekend, especially after I made it safely to Columbus by myself. (Note: It is wonderful to play when you are always happy. Win, lose, or draw, you are almost always in the right frame of mind for your next game. This, I believe, is Melvin's secret, although he has a bunch of chess knowledge to boot.)

Having arrived safely in Columbus, I was feeling so good that I decided to play in the night round after arriving just twenty minutes earlier. This decision would later make a huge difference.

Geogia Open, 11/20/98
Round 1, Board 1, G/150

Aandrew Whatley 2259		**M. Peach 1867**	
1. d4		**Nf6**	
2. Nf3		**g6**	
3. Bg5		**Bg7**	
4. Nbd2		**d6**	

4. ... d5 is preferable as white is now allowed to gain space and get a slight advantage.

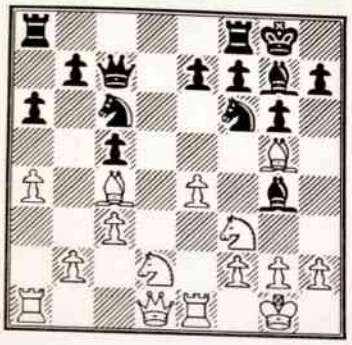
5. e4		**00**	
6. c3		**c5**	:47
7. dxc5		**dxc5**	
8. Bc4		**Nc6**	
9. 00	:36	**a6**	:56
10. a4	:38	**Qc7**	:59
11. Re1			

(diagram on following page)

I think black has hit on the right idea here if he continues with 11. ... Na5 12.Bf1 followed eventually by ... c4. (Note the immediate 12. ... c4 fails to 13.Qe2. Thus a bishop move allowing a rook to move to c8 to protect the c pawn on c4 is needed.) Then black's Q-side space will give him a

good game.

11. ... **Bg4?** 1:08



Position after 11. Re1

Now we note that if white plays 12.Bf1, then black is denied 12. ... Na5 and ... c4 on account of 13.b4. Although 11. ... Bg4 is logical to the extent that it clears c8 for the rooks, it is somewhat mistimed. Better is first 11. ... Na5 followed by either 12. ... Bg4 or 12. ... Be6 as explained in the prevoius note.

12. h3 :56 **Bxf3?** 1:11

The bishop pair should not be parted with. Black at present does not have the e6 square because he didn't kick white's bishop. But this is not reason not to play back to d7 and be content to fight white's small advantage.

13. Nxf3 **h6** 1:15
14. Bd2 1:02

The only good square. 14. Bh4 runs into Nh5 when the bishop does nothing, 14. Bc1 disconnects the rooks, and 14. Be3 loses a pawn.

14. ... **Rad8?!** :22

14. ... Rfd8 looks better as the c-file may also be needed for a rook.

15. Qc1 :21 **Kh7** :24
16. Bf4 :34 **e5** :26
17. Bh2

With my last few moves, I have tried to obtain a very slight target, hoping to grind black down eventually either on the queenside or by using the d5 hole. However, black is not without ideas as he can start a kingside push.

17. ... **Qe7** :30
18. Qb1 :38 **Nh5** :39
19. Bd5 :45 **Nf4?** :42

Black has allowed white to get in Bd5 and has now given him a clear

Position after 19. ... Nf4?

advantage as black's bishop becomes inferior.

20. Bxc6 **bxc6**
21. Bxf4 :53 **exf4**
22. Qa2 :56

Now black's double pawns hinder him. He is already lost after 22. ... Qe6 23. Qxe6 fxe6 24. Rad1 and the king march to c4 will be decisive after the rook trades.

22. ... **g5** :54
23. Qc4 :57 **h5**
24. e5 :02 **Rd5** :01
25. h4 :05

Diffusing black's counterplay.

25. ... **Bh6**
26. hxg5 :10 **Bxg5**
27. Qxa6 **Rd3??**
28. Qxd3+ **Resigns**

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Because I had played a night round, I was able to get over 9 hours of sleep without having to play a round until the Saturday afternoon. Meanwhile, the rest of the field (including 7 players above 2100!) arrived Saturday morning. Little did I know that Friday night that if I had waited until Saturday morning to play, I would have been faced with a 2100.

Observing the wall chart that morning, I noticed that I was seeded first. Therefore, I believed for the moment that I could legitimately beat anyone an the tournament. Which was a great relief! However, this feeling was short lived as I soon was psychologically unprepared for my next game as fear began to set in . . .

My opponent for Round 2 was to be D.A. Fletcher. Because I had never met him before, I was unsure about his strength. Because we had both played in the night round, we got a chance to talk Saturday morning. He shared with me that he had played professional chess for two years in England and had obtained an English rating equivalent to 2436. However, he had gotten married and had remained inactive for the last five years. Because of his recent divorce, however, he had decided to get involved in chess again. This was his first tournament in five years. Now given that information, I should have feared him no more or less than any opponent. However, one number kept ringing in

my head--2436. I began to get somewhat afraid, and this fear had a direct impact on my concentration in the game. To avoid such a catastrophe, here is a general guideline:

Believe that you have the ability to beat anyone that you are going to play. Personally, I have been upset by more than 700 points before and more than 400 points more than once (in fact I got beat by a player rated 1798 in December in a slow game!). For this reason, I now believe that anyone within 1000 points of his opponent has the ability to beat him on any given day. Thus given this guideline, stronger players must also take notice not to get too overconfident. While the stronger player tends to win more games, this is only the case when he is concentrating. A sudden lapse can cause serious detriment to your position. (Note: Many mistakes occur just after a player thinks that he is winning and decides to relax without realizing that his opponent may have counterplay.)

As a demonstration of what happens when someone (namely myself) breaks this rule, here is my second round game.

Georgia Open, 11/21/98, Round 2, Board 1, Game/150

D. A. Fletcher 2200 est.		**Andrew Whatley 2259**	
1. c4		**Nf6**	
2. g3		**c6**	
3. Bg2	:34	**d5**	
4. b3?	:37	**dxc4**	:40

Although b3 was a simple blunder, I spent ten minutes believing that it might be a sacrifice. I am already "psyched out" and my opponent has just blundered. There is no telling what might happen when my opponent starts to play better chess.

5. bxc4		**Qd4**	
6. Nc3		**Qxc4**	
7. Nf3		**Nbd7**	:45
8. 00		**e5**	:58?

Why do I give my time a question mark? Because it was used ineffectively. I seem to have jumped from move to move without properly finding a plan and thoroughly thinking about one move until I was ready to consider another. In addition, my fear kept me hesitant about the strength of my own previous moves, which I had believed to be correct when I played them.

9. Qc2		**Bd6?**	:01

Black should have been more active with his development. 9. ... Bb4! restrains white from the immediate d3 and gives black a better square for his bishop.

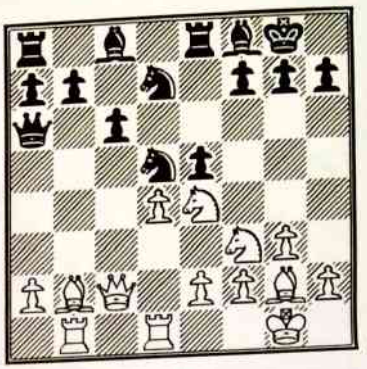
10. d3		**Qa6**	:07
11. Bb2	:43	**00?**	:10
12. Rfd1		**Re8**	:19

The obvious 12. ... Ba3 trading bishops must be preferred. Black continues to passively develop, however, and white is soon allowed counterplay.

13. Rab1		**Nd5**	:32

I must confess that in the last 5 moves, I have spent 30 minutes and have calculated no more than 4 ply each move. Without a plan, I was soon punished for my fear.

14. Ne4		**Bf8**	
15. d4		**...**	



Position after 15. d4

He offered a draw here. I quickly decided to decline because I believed that my "pawn up" advantage had to win. Ironically, however, my fear was still as present as ever and I played a poor continuation. However, with the simple 15. ... Nb4, Black would have stood well.

15. ...		**exd4?**	:43
16. Rxd4		**N7f6??**	:48
17. Ra4			

My lack of concentration has finally produced a bombshell in my position. However, now that I believed that I was completely lost, a funny thing happened. Although my immediate reaction was to resign, after about thirty seconds, I decided to fight and give the greatest resistance that I could. My fear now left me, and my concentration was back to practically 100%.

17. ...		**Nxe4**	:53
18. Rxa6		**bxa6??**	

I completely miss 18. ... Nb4 here, with the idea of ... Nxa6 saving my pawn structure and giving black a position which is perfectly playable. This is a prime example of why one needs to take a break after a big positional shock, so as to not make a careless error by not considering all the

possibilities.

19. Nd4?!

19. Qxc6 simply wins.

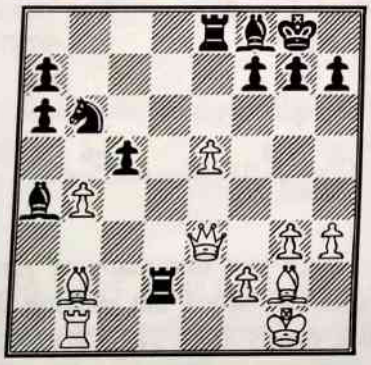
19. ...	**Nb4** :59
20. Qa4	**Bd7** :03
21. a3	**Nd5**
22. Qc2?	

22. Qxa6 wins a pawn for white, and makes his win easier. Now white will have a tougher fight ahead of him because he missed his window of opportunity and has allowed black a chance to save his pawns.

22. ...	**Nef6**
23. e4	**Nb6**
24. Nb3?!	**Rad8**
25. h3?!	

25. Nc5 was better.

25. ...	**c5**
26. e5	**Nfd5**
27. Nd2 :15	**Ba4**
28. Qe4	**Nb4**
29. axb4	**Rxd2**
30. Qe3??	



Position after 30. Qe3??

30. Qf4 was best. Now it is white who is lost after giving black too much counterplay!

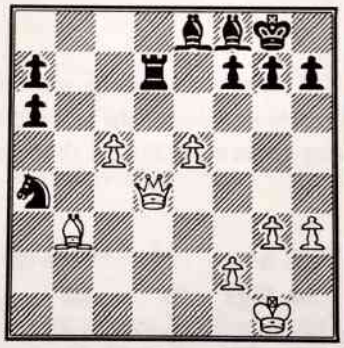
30. ...	**Nc4** :28

If 31.Qc3 Rc2 and the bishop will be lost.

31. Qf4	**Rxb2**
32. Rxb2	**Nxb2**
33. Bd5	**Re7**
34. bxc5	**Be8??**:37

Black's failure to calculate all three possible bishop moves is inexcusable. This is yet another example of the harms of relaxing when you feel comfortable. In addition, it shows the failure to take a break and reassess the position for what it really is. I must confess after I dropped my queen, I could never begin to imagine myself as winning and so dismissed the idea altogether. Clearly, 34. ... Bb5 is winning as 35.c6 Nd3 hits the queen and the e5 pawn.

35. Qd4	**Na4**
36. Bb3	**Rd7**



Position after 36. ... Rd7

37. Qxa4	**Rd1+**
38. Bxd1	**Bxa4**
39. Bxa4	

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After this game, I felt ecstatic to have drawn after losing my queen. My opponent went over the game with me and showed me much of what I had missed before I lost my queen. After this point I felt like a fish. However, having white in my next round, my confidence was soon regained while I continued to be on the euphoric high of just being alive.

After my game with Mr. Fletcher, I went back to my relatives' house to get a bite to eat. When I returned, I found that my next opponent would be Guillermo Ruiz. We had played twice before about two years ago. I had black in both games and only a draw to show for them. This time, however, I felt more confident in my chess abilities and would be fortunate enough to play him with the white pieces.

Georgia Open, 11/21/98
Round 3, Board 2, G/150

Andrew Whatley	**Guillermo Ruiz**
2259	**2260**
1. d4	**Nf6**
2. Nf3	**b6**
3. Bg5	**Ne4**
4. Bh4	**Bb7**
5. e3	**c5**
6. Bd3	**Qc7**
7. c3	

So far I have been pretty comfortable in the opening. Although I don't face ... b6 and ... Bb7 much, yet I did not fear a possible double fianchetto because I believed my center would successfully withstand the pressure after c3. With my pieces developed, my eventual plan would be a4, Nd2, and a5 with Nc4 if bxa5.

7. ...	**e6!?**
8. 00 :36	**Bd6?** :35

Whenever the bishop is blocking the d pawn in an opening something is just not exactly right because develop-

ment is being hindered. At first I was going to trade his better knight with Nbd2, but then I noticed that both the b5 and c4 squares were weak and therefore could not be protected in one move.

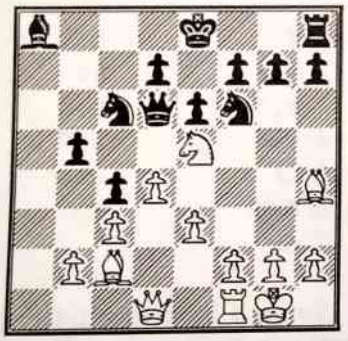
9. Na3	:39	**a6**	:41
10. Nc4	:44	**b5**	:54
11. Nxd6+	:52	**Qxd6**	

With the bishop pair achieved, white must now make use of his advantage in development to remove black's knight on e4 favorably.

12. Ne5	:55	**Nf6**	

Now white switches flanks, trying to create a queenside weakness.

13. a4	:02	**c4**	:13
14. Bc2	:09	**Nc6**	:15
15. axb5		**axb5**	:20



Position after 16. ... Bxa8

16. Rxa8	**Bxa8**
17. Qf3!	

With this move, white continues to attack the knight on f6 while tying both knights down, one to defend a8 and the other f7. Black has little defense now as Qe7 runs into Ng4.

17. ...		**Rg8**	:32
18. Bxf6	:36	**gxf6**	
19. Ng4		**Kd8**	:59
20. Nxf6		**Rg7**	:04
21. Nh5	:47	**Rg8**	:09
22. Bxh7		**Rf8**	:10

After winning two pawns, white must now neutralize the long diagonal and simplify.

23. Be4!	:55	**f5**	:15
24. Qg3		**Qxg3**	:21
25. fxg3		**Kc7**	
26. Bf3		**Ne7**	:22
27. Nf4		**Bxf3?!**	
28. gxf3		**Ra8**	

Position after 28. ... Ra8

With white's pawns undoubled, the win is now technical as the g and h pawns go on a 2-0 fastbreak to the finish line.

29. h4		**Kc6**	:25
30. Kg2	:10	**b4**	

31. cxb4 would be a big mistake allowing Kb5-b4-b3, etc. and much counterplay.

31. g4	:12	**fxg4**	:30
32. fxg4		**Rg8**	

Somewhat tired, I nearly blew it here by playing Kg3 and allowing ... Nf5+. But after I double-checked, I simply moved my king to the side and advanced my pawns safely.

33. Kh3	:14	**Rf8**	
34. Ra1	:16	**b3**	:32
35. h5	:23	**Nd5**	
36. Nxd5	:26	**Kxd5**	
37. h6		**Rh8**	:37
38. g5		**Ke4**	
39. Kg4		**Kd3**	:40
40. Rh1		**Kc2**	:43
41. Rh2+		**Kb1**	
42. g6		**Rxh6**	
43. Rxh6		**Kxb2**	
44. g7		**Kxc3**	
45. g8=Q		**b2**	
46. Qb8		**Resigns**	

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After finishing round 3 around 11:40 Saturday night, I was comforted by a nice double bed around 12:30. After a good sleep, I went back to the tournament hall a little late to face my next opponent, Tim Bond. Tim was having a monster tournament, beating Frye, Melvin, and Daniel Thomas. However, because he was due black and had more points that I, I felt relieved to at least play him with white.

Georgia Open, 11/22/98
Round 4, Board 1, G/150

Andrew Whatley		**Tim Bond**
2259		**1957**
1. d4	:04	**Nf6**
2. Nf3		**g6**
3. c3		**...**

I am sure that many of you are wondering why I am playing 3. c3 rather than 3. Bg5. In the State Championship, I had played 3.Bg5 and after 3. ... Ne4 4.Bh4 c5, I was forced to play 5.c3 allowing ... cxd4 and cxd4. I didn't like this open c-file. I would have wanted to play 5. e3, but this would have been countered by a pesky Qb6. So in order to respond to ... c5 with e3 and if cxd4 then exd4, I de-

cided to make an early transposition and play c3. I figured Tim would respond with his normal stuff and all would go well.

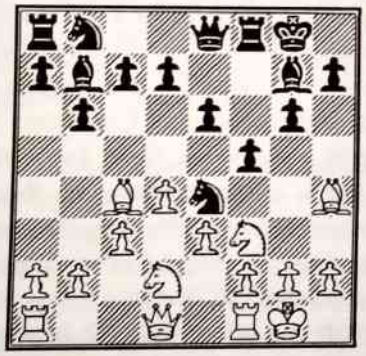
3. ...	**Bg7**
4. Bg5	**Ne4**
5. Bh4	**b6** :35

I had not seen Tim play this and was somewhat surprised. But having expected a similar position Saturday night, I was confident in my position.

6. e3	**Bb7**
7. Bd3	**f5**

I had a gut feeling that this weakening of the a2-g8 diagonal must be fundamentally incorrect. However, proving it would not be an easy task.

8. 00	**00**
9. Nbd2 :44	**Qe8** :39
10. Bc4+ :06	**e6** :41



Position after 10. ... e6

10. ... d5 would have blocked in black's bishop, giving white a chance to open the c file with an eventual c4. However, perhaps ... Kh8 is best because it does not tie down the e pawn.

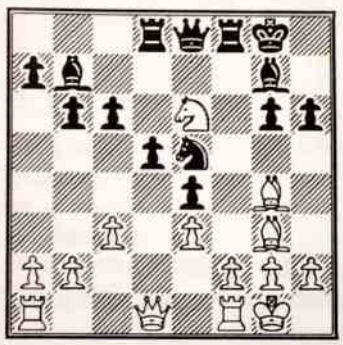
11. Nxe4 :11	**fxe4** :44
12. Ng5 :14	**h6**

Apparently, white is okay after 12. ... Bf6 13.Qg4.

13. Nh3	**d5** :47
14. Be2 :21	**Nd7**
15. Bg3 :25	**Rc8** :52
16. Nf4 :34	**e5** :54
17. dxe5	**c6?** :56
18. Bg4 :43	**Rd8?**
19. Ne6 :48	

Black has opened his position and has had to work harder to protect d5. Because of Black's last two moves, however, he has weakened himself further by allowing white to infiltrate. White, however, fails to execute and allows black to get back into the game.

19. ...	**Nxe5** :59



Position after 19. ... Nxe5

20. Nxd8? :51

White misses 20. Nxg7 Kxg7 21. Qd4 Kf6 22. f4 exf3 23. Rxf3+ winning easily.

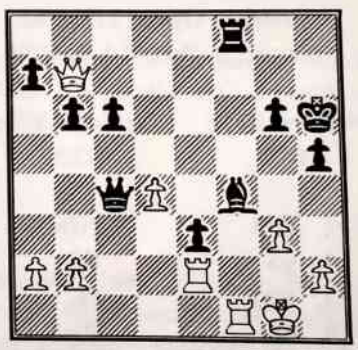
21. ...	**Qxd8**
22. Be6+	**Kh7**
23. Bxe5	**Bxe5**
24. f4	**Ba6?** :03
25. Rf2	**Qf6** :05
26. Qa4	**Bb8** :13

Because black has tried to play too tactically, he has allowed white to penetrate further. However, now white misses 27. Qxc6 because he sees the ghost of 27. ... Bc8 which, in fact, loses to 28. Bxd5. The struggle is now long from over.

27. Qxa6? :10	**Qxe6**
28. Rafl ?!	**h5?!**
29. Qb7+ :18	**Kh6?!**
30. c4 ?! :19	

All these dubious moves indicate that neither side can formulate a decent plan. Black's king movement will actually weaken him later, while white's pawn break gives black counterplay.

30. ...	**d4** :17
31. exd4	**e3**
32. Re2	**Bxf4**
32. g3 :26	**Qxc4**



Position after 32. ... Qxc4

White's only defense is simplification. But this is not so easy. Let the tactics begin!

33. Qe7 :29	**Rf7**
34. Qe8	**Kg7** :23
35. R2e1 :32	**Rf8**
26. Qe4	**Bd6** :30
37. Rxf8	**Bxf8**
38. Qxe3	**Qxa2**

When all the smoke has cleared, White is still up the exchange for a pawn. Now he must make use of black's weakened king.

39. Qe5+		**Kh7**	
40. Qf6	:38	**Bb4?**	:41

40. ... Bg7 41. Re7 Qg8 would have put up more resistance.

41. Re8	**Qb1+**
42. Kg2	**Qc2+**
43. Kh3	**Qf5+**
44. Qxf5	**gxf5**
45. Kh4	**Kg6**
46. Re6+	**Resigns**

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Round 5, the game for all the marbles ... I must note that during this tournament, I was not really thinking about the money at any time during my games. This was a big plus as it was one less distraction. I felt pretty relaxed, in fact.

Georgia Open, 11/22/98
Round 5, Board 1, G/250

Richard Frye	**Andrew Whatley**
2148	**2259**
1. Nf3	**Nf6**
2. g3	**d5**
3. Bg2	**c6**
4. 00	**Bg4**

In two previous games, I had played my French setup against his King's Indian Attack and had won both. However, each had been a struggle and I felt like I needed a change. After I played Bg4, I was pretty excited to nearly play my third Torre in a row, even though I was a tempo down.

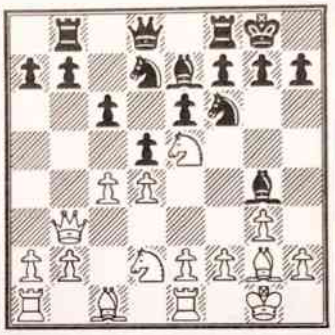
5. d4

This move discouraged me because I knew it was going to be a tough struggle since I would not get a free center.

5. ...		**Nbd7**	
6. Nbd2		**e6**	:34
7. c4		**Be7**	:43
8. Qb3?!			

This move is unnecessary. I felt really good here because I felt that white was already beginning to get lost. Better was 8.Re1 preparing e4.

8. ...		**Rb8**	
9. Re1		**00**	:48
10. Ne5?	:38		



Position after 10. Ne5?

White is going astray now. The doubled e pawns will soon haunt him.

10. ...		**Nxe5**	:50
11. dxe5		**Nd7**	
12. cxd5?!			

White now incorrectly relieves pressure.

12. ...		**exd5**	
13. e4?!	:46	**d4!**	:00

Black's queenside now plays itself, menacing the queen and gaining space.

14. f4	:50	**Nc5**	
15. Qc4	:52	**d3**	:08
16. a4	:57	**Na6!**	:27

The hole on b4 must be filled!

17. f5	:13	**Bc5+**	:41
18. Kh1		**Be2**	:43
19. b3	:17	**Qa5**	:46
20. Rxe2	:22	**dxe2**	
21. Qxe2			

The pressure is gone, but so is white's rook. Therefore, black needs only to simplify.

21. ...		**Qc3**	:53
22. Rb1	:29	**Nb4**	:58
23. Nc4	:31	**Qd3**	
24. Qxd3		**Nxd3**	
25. Bf3		**b5**	
26. axb5		**cxb5**	
27. Ne3??		**Nxc1**	
28. Resigns			

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Special Thanks

I would like to thank the tournament organizer, Lamar Causey for putting on a great tournament. Having 8 players over 2100 in Columbus, Georgia's first big tournament is impressive. I hope he will continue to host tournaments as Columbus College is a great site. Next, I would like to thank Scott Parker, who directed the tournament. His long hours and sacrifice of a weekend were greatly appreciated. To my knowledge, all the rounds started on time and all the pairings were correct. Finally, I would like to thank my aunt and uncle for giving me a place to stay and providing me with good meals and a relaxing atmosphere.

Scholastic Section

Alabama's 2nd Annual Scholastic Chess K-12 Grade Championships *by Warner Chandler*

Introduction

Excitement was high as one hundred twelve of Alabama's "chess kids" met in Hoover on a cool, rainy Saturday in November 1998 for the 2nd annual edition of the state's Scholastic Chess K-12 Grade Championships. The tournament was sanctioned as a state championship by the Alabama Chess Federation and games were rated by the United States Chess Federation. This was a four-round Swiss System meet with all participants having 30 minutes per game to complete their moves for the first two rounds. As competition became stiffer in later rounds, players were given 45 minutes to consider and make their best moves. The prizes being sought? Parents and coaches brought children from as far as Mobile to vie across the chessboard for the title of Grade Champion in each of 13 grades.

Fourteen Grade Chess Champion titles were awarded--again this year there were co-champions in one grade. There were a couple of dozen 2nd through 4th place trophies awarded, as well as 5th place trophies awarded in the three grades (3rd, 5th, and 7th) with the largest participation. Additionally, the organizers presented several other trophies. Alabama Chess Master Kyle Therrell judged game scores submitted for consideration as the most brilliant game of the tournament. There was a trophy for the biggest upset, as well as seven trophies awarded for performances in protected classes (i.e., by players' ratings), including three for unrated players, for a total of 50 trophies! Thanks to various sponsors who contributed prizes that were awarded for checkmate puzzle solutions and door prizes. Many kids and parents also took advantage of the opportunity to purchase a souvenir 3-color championship tournament T-shirt.

The chief tournament director was Dr. Kenneth Sloan, assisted by floor directors Dale Robbins, Rick Aeria, and Bill Melvin, President of the Alabama Chess Federation and the 1998 Alabama State Chess Champion. Bill Jones and John Perham assisted the Chief TD in the Director's Room. Many other parents and volunteers worked before, during, and after the event, both "in front of" and behind the scenes under the tireless leadership of "Mistress of Volunteers and Chief Donations Officer" Lisa Williams to make the tournament a rousing success. A special thanks goes to Mr. Robert Rieves for his generous financial contribution and the scoresheets that were made available to participants. And, finally, a heartfelt thanks to Hunter Street Baptist Church for the use of their fabulous recreation center facilities.

The tournament was organized by Tom Young of Hoover Scholastic Chess Club and Warner Chandler of Oak Mountain Chess Club in North Shelby County.

Tournament Play

Due to the small number of entrants in Kindergarten and 1st grade, these two grades were folded into the 2nd grade section for play. Since she was the only Kindergartener to have the courage to participate, Maria Melvin of Huntsville took home the State Champion's title. Her older sister, Holly, earned the 2nd place prize for 1st grade, with the 1st Grade Champion title going to 3 point winner Phillip Jedlovec, also of Huntsville.

It turns out the Melvin family vehicle was full of trophies on the way home that evening, because Miles Melvin, 1997's 1st Grade Champion, successfully defended his title this year to win the 2nd Grade Chess Championship for 1998 with an unblemished 4.0 point performance. Place trophies in the 2nd grade went to 3.0 point finisher Jacob McClinton for 2nd place, then to William Nolan and Cameron Mortazavi in 3rd and 4th places, respectively. Mr. McClinton was also awarded the trophy for the Biggest Upset by defeating Mr. Mortazavi in the final round, resulting in an upset of 736 rating points. A newcomer to competitive chess, Rachel Christie, a 2nd grader scoring 2.0 points, earned a trophy for Best Performance by an Unrated player.

It would be highly desirable to have many more of these youngest chessplayers participating next year. This championship tournament is unique in the state, in that with sufficient turnout in each grade, the youngest children have the opportunity to play amongst themselves for awards. In nearly all other chess tournaments, Kindergarteners, 1st, and 2nd graders are required to play kids as advanced and as experienced as 3rd graders. I issue the invitation to parents to bring your younger children, and to teachers and coaches to bring even your novice chessplayers to the Grade Championships next year. Let them "get their feet wet" in the most age-appropriate competitive setting possible. The greater the turnout in each of these grades, the more fun will be had by all.

3rd graders showed up by the droves, however, with nineteen entrants making theirs the largest section of this year's tournament. Four finishers tied for 2nd place with 3.0 points each and were awarded place trophies in descending order by their tie breaks. The 2nd place trophy went to Bryan McMeen of Cullman, with 3rd place finisher Montgomery Brown just edging out last year's 2nd grade Champ Andrew Chandler by the second tie break calculation, with Will Battle taking the 5th place prize. The 3rd Grade Chess Champion's title went to undefeated--and unrated!--James Cassidy Ellis of Pinson. His strong performance included two wins against place trophy winners, one the 1997 2nd Grade Champion, and a third win versus Robert Fletcher, who picked up the trophy for Best Performance with a Rating Under 800. Andrew Lehe, with a 2.5 point score and a 329 rating, nabbed a trophy for Best Performance with a Rating Under 700, while tournament newcomer Steven Guy finished with 2.0 points and a trophy for Best Performance by an Unrated player.

Another fine display of chess skill was turned in by Uche Afrika of Birmingham, who emerged undefeated in her grade, winning the 4th Grade Champion's title. Place trophies went to three kids who came out with only one loss each: 2nd place finisher Kati Chapman's only loss was her final round match on the top board to the resulting Champion, followed by Greg Espenan in 3rd place, and Sarah Boyd, last year's 3rd Grade Champion. Mickey Kyle Lonsdale took home the trophy for Best Performance with a Rating Under 1000. Take note all who say chess is not a girl's game: three of the four top finishers in this grade were girls who seem to have acquitted themselves quite well, thank you!

The second largest section of the day saw hard fought contests and resulted in a four-way tie for 2nd place. The 5th Grade Chess Championship, though, went to Jason Young of Birmingham, undefeated as Champion for a 2nd year in a row. In the course of defending his title, Jason won matches over the board against both the 2nd and 3rd place finishers. Place trophies went to (in tie break order) Joseph Chaffee, Mark De Andrade, Jimmy Johnson, and John-Tyler Spann. Nathanael Chandler earned an Honorable Mention certificate for finishing with a plus score (2.5 points out of 4) in his grade.

Brennan Young of Hoover roundly defeated all three other place trophy winners in his grade to win the title of 1998 6th Grade Chess Champion with a perfect 4.0 score. Finishing ahead of the rest of the pack with 3.0 points each were Andrew Rozsa, John Gipson, and Kevin Pelton, listed in tie break and place trophy order. The 6th grade also saw Nikita Perri Ellis with a 2.5 point score win a trophy for Best Performance by an Unrated player and Eric Funderburg, with the same score, win Honorable Mention.

The 7th grade section had a large turnout, making for a lead pack with only a half-point difference between the top five finishers. Emerging with the lead, though, with a strong 3.5 point performance and the 7th Grade Championship was Ethan Balch from Huntsville. The 2nd through 5th place finishers were tied at 3.0 points apiece, with 2nd place in the grade going to John Bryant, followed in tie break order by James De Andrade, William Berry, and Thomas Burwell. Last year's 6th Grade Champion, Jordan Jones, earned an Honorable Mention with a plus score.

8th and 9th graders were combined into one section because of low turnout. The Co-Champions of the 8th Grade, Jonathan Bilbo of Saraland and Shane Rogers of Mobile, each lost only one game and both to 9th graders. One of 1997's Co-Champions of the 7th Grade, Al Tanju, finished in 3rd place in the 8th grade this year.

The 9th Grade Champion, Roy Martin of Birmingham, successfully defended his Champion's title from last year. Roy turned in a perfect 4.0 point score, including victories over the 2nd place finisher David Sloan and one of the 8th Grade Co-Champions.

We were pleased to see a larger turnout in the high school grades this year than last when 9th through 12th grades had to be combined because of a total participation of only 8 players. With five players in 9th grade alone this year, we were able to combine the eight 10th through 12th graders into one section for pairing. The 12th grade saw only two entrants this year, thus both picked up trophies. Jonathan Senn came in 2nd place after losing to this year's 12th Grade Chess Champion, Jeshua Screws of Montgomery.

The Chess Champion of the 10th Grade, Matthew Johnson of Hoover, faced a tough slate, emerging with a 2.0 point result. However, he overcame 1997's 9th Grade Champion, Michelle Craig, losing only to the top two finishers in the 11th Grade. 2nd place in the 10th grade went to Ryan Confer, who tied with Miss Craig at 1.0 point, just edging her on tie breaks.

The 10th through 12th grade section was dominated, however, by the juniors, all three of whom took home trophies.

Norman Dean, whose final round game with the 12th Grade Champion resulted in a draw, earned the award for Best Performance with a Rating Under 900. As a result of his 3.0 point score in the tournament, and a finish in clear 2nd place in the combined section, the trophy for 2nd place in 11th grade was awarded to William Ross Hodges. The 1998 Chess Champion of the 11th Grade is Taylor Curtis of Mountain Brook, who, in successfully defending his Championship title from last year, turned in a perfect 4.0 score, while defeating all comers in his own grade as well as this year's 10th Grade Champion. Mr. Curtis was also judged to have played the most brilliant game of the tournament, winning the Brilliancy Prize for his third round victory over Mr. Hodges.

Recap of Awards

Titles and trophies awarded at the 1998 Alabama Scholastic Chess K-12 Grade Championships are listed below in order of finish by grade:

Kindergarten Champion: Maria Melvin, Huntsville

1st Grade Champion: Phillip Jedlovec, Huntsville

2nd Place: Holly Melvin, Huntsville

2nd Grade Champion: Miles Melvin, Huntsville

2nd Place: Jacob McClinton, Hoover
3rd Place: William Nolan, Birmingham
4th Place: Cameron Mortazavi, Huntsville

3rd Grade Champion: James Cassidy Ellis, Pinson

2nd Place: Bryan McMeen, Cullman
3rd Place: Montgomery Brown, Birmingham
4th Place: Andrew H. Chandler, Oak Mountain
5th Place: Will Battle, Birmingham

4th Grade Champion: Uche Afrika, Birmingham

2nd Place: Kati Chapman, Millbrook
3rd Place: Greg Espenan, Hoover
4th Place: Sarah Boyd, Birmingham

5th Grade Champion: Jason Young, Birmingham

2nd Place: Joseph Chaffee, Huntsville
3rd Place: Mark De Andrade, Mobile
4th Place: Jimmy Johnson, Jr., Birmingham
5th Place: John-Tyler Spann, Hoover

6th Grade Champion: Brennan Young, Hoover

2nd Place: Andrew J. Rozsa III, Oak Mountain
3rd Place: John Gipson, Jr., Huntsville
4th Place: Kevin Pelton, Birmingham

7th Grade Champion: Ethan Balch, Huntsville

2nd Place: John Bryant, Huntsville
3rd Place: James De Andrade, Mobile
4th Place: William Berry, Mobile
5th Place: Thomas Burwell, Huntsville

8th Grade Co-Champion: Jonathan Bilbo, Saraland
Co-Champion: Shane Rogers, Mobile

3rd Place: Al Tanju, Hoover

9th Grade Champion: Roy Martin, Birmingham

2nd Place: David Sloan, Mountain Brook

10th Grade Champion: Matthew Johnson, Hoover

2nd Place: Ryan Confer, Huntsville

11th Grade Champion: Taylor Curtis, Mountain Brook

2nd Place: William Ross Hodges, Deatsville

12th Grade Champion: Jeshua Screws, Montgomery

2nd Place: Jonathan Senn, Wetumpka

Brilliancy Game: Taylor Curtis

Biggest Upset: Jacob McClinton

Of those competitors not placing, protected class trophies were awarded for the best performance by players who were:

Rated Under 1000: Mickey Kyle Lonsdale
Rated Under 900: Norman Dean
Rated Under 800: Robert Fletcher
Rated Under 700: Andrew Lehe
Unrated (New): Nikita Perri Ellis, Rachel Christie, Steven Guy

Honorable Mention: Nathanael Chandler, Eric Funderburg, Jordan Jones

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(notes: Post event ratings are approximate. Tied players are NOT in tiebreak order.)

Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.	2	Melvin, Miles (2)	AL	0805	0870	W9	W7	W5	W6	4.0
2.	1	Jedlovec, Phillip (4)	AL	0505	0572	W12	L5	W3	W7	3.0
3.	2	Mc Clinton,Jacob (9)	AL	NNNN	0761	W10	W6	L2	W5	3.0
4.	2	Nolan, William (12)	AL	NNNN	0386	L7	D9	W12	W10	2.5
5.	2	Mortazavi, Cameron (1)	AL	0983	0938	W8	W2	L1	L3	2.0
6.	2	Kirchner, Christopher (3)	AL	0597	0600	W11	L3	W8	L1	2.0
7.	2	Hall, Elizabeth W (5)	AL	0408	0426	W4	L1	W10	L2	2.0
8.	2	Christie, Rachel (7)	AL	NNNN	0438	L5	W12	L6	W9	2.0
9.	2	Clark, Joe (8)	AL	NNNN	0388	L1	D4	W11	L8	1.5
10.	2	Brooks, Travis A (6)	AL	NNNN	0272	L3	W11	L7	L4	1.0
11.	1	Melvin, Holly (10)	AL	NNNN	0183	L6	L10	L9	W12	1.0
12.	K	Melvin, Maria (11)	AL	NNNN	0064	L2	L8	L4	L11	0.0

3rd Grade

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.	3	Ellis, James Cassidy (13)	AL	NNNN	1147	W3	W6	W9	W2	4.0
2.	3	Mc Meen, Bryan (2)	AL	0831	0909	W11	W5	W4	L1	3.0
3.	3	Chandler, Andrew (3)	AL	0790	0806	L1	-B-	W16	W12	3.0
4.	3	Battle, Will (5)	AL	0724	0765	W15	W16	L2	W8	3.0
5.	3	Brown, Montgomery (7)	AL	0639	0693	W18	L2	W11	W9	3.0
6.	3	Fletcher, Robert (6)	AL	0696	0697	W17	L1	D14	W15	2.5
7.	3	Lehe, Andrew (10)	AL	0329	0390	-B-	D10	L8	W14	2.5
8.	3	Banerjee, Ovik (1)	AL	1015	0856	L16	W13	W7	L4	2.0
9.	3	Smith, Gregory M (4)	AL	0741	0732	W12	W14	L1	L5	2.0
10.	3	Appleby, Michael (11)	AL	NNNN	0526	D13	D7	L12	W18	2.0
11.	3	Applegate, Spencer (12)	AL	NNNN	0539	L2	W17	L5	W19	2.0
12.	3	Guy, Steven (14)	AL	NNNN	0580	L9	W18	W10	L3	2.0
13.	3	Smith, Jason B (18)	AL	NNNN	0598	D10	L8	D15	W16	2.0
14.	3	Young, Kara Marie (8)	AL	0522	0493	W19	L9	D6	L7	1.5
15.	3	Lindley, Erik (15)	AL	NNNN	0501	L4	W19	D13	L6	1.5
16.	3	Davidson, Jordan (9)	AL	0503	0518	W8	L4	L3	L13	1.0
17.	3	Rogers, Joel (16)	AL	NNNN	0265	L6	L11	L18	-B-	1.0
18.	3	Rogers, Justin (17)	AL	NNNN	0389	L5	L12	W17	L10	1.0
19.	3	Taylor, Will (19)	AL	NNNN	0245	L14	L15	-B-	L11	1.0

4th Grade

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.	4	Afrika, Uche A (4)	AL	0888	0962	W10	W12	W8	W4	4.0
2.	4	Espenan, Greg (3)	AL	0914	0938	W13	W3	L4	W9	3.0
3.	4	Boyd, Sarah (6)	AL	0851	0871	W11	L2	W12	W8	3.0
4.	4	Chapman, Kati L (8)	AL	0613	0912	W6	W9	W2	L1	3.0
5.	4	Lonsdale, Mickey K (5)	AL	0874	0877	L8	W7	D9	W10	2.5
6.	4	Christie, Sturgeon (1)	AL	0944	0910	L4	L8	W11	W13	2.0
7.	4	Lombardo, Nicholas (11)	AL	NNNN	0673	L9	L5	W14	W12	2.0
8.	4	Rosato, Kristin (12)	AL	NNNN	0837	W5	W6	L1	L3	2.0
9.	4	Cohen, Adam (2)	AL	0941	0902	W7	L4	D5	L2	1.5
10.	4	Kervin, Ryan (10)	AL	NNNN	0569	L1	W14	D13	L5	1.5
11.	4	Taylor, Dustin (13)	AL	NNNN	0562	L3	D13	L6	W14	1.5
12.	4	Wang, Timmy A (7)	AL	0716	0629	W14	L1	L3	L7	1.0
13.	4	Williams, Lucas C (9)	AL	0529	0523	L2	D11	D10	L6	1.0
14.	4	Williams, Nicole (14)	AL	NNNN	0284	L12	L10	L7	L11	0.0

5th Grade

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.	5	Young, Jason (2)	AL	0987	1075	W5	W8	W2	W6	4.0
2.	5	Chaffee, Joseph R (1)	AL	1061	1070	W14	W4	L1	W8	3.0
3.	5	Johnson, Jimmy C (5)	AL	0923	0927	W16	W12	L6	W9	3.0
4.	5	Spann, John-Tyler (6)	AL	0918	0932	W18	L2	W15	W7	3.0
5.	5	De Andrade, Mark P (11)	AL	0677	0737	L1	W18	W12	W13	3.0
6.	5	Chandler, Nathanael (4)	AL	0930	0932	W15	D9	W3	L1	2.5
7.	5	Williams, Mason (3)	AL	0937	0899	D13	W14	D9	L4	2.0
8.	5	Hall, Nathan (7)	AL	0898	0885	W17	L1	W13	L2	2.0
9.	5	Griffin, Dennis (8)	AL	0740	0763	W11	D6	D7	L3	2.0
10.	5	Voorhees, Paul (9)	AL	0694	0665	L12	L13	W16	W17	2.0
11.	5	Creel,Austin Wade (17)	AL	NNNN	0601	L9	L16	W14	W15	2.0
12.	5	Gish,Rob (18)	AL	NNNN	0676	W10	L3	L5	W16	2.0
13.	5	Tarbox, James (12)	AL	0675	0679	D7	W10	L8	L5	1.5
14.	5	Dunne, Katie (10)	AL	0686	0650	L2	L7	L11	W18	1.0
15.	5	Funderburg, Kurt (13)	AL	0477	0474	L6	W17	L4	L11	1.0
16.	5	Burt, Adam (14)	AL	0447	0446	L3	W11	L10	L12	1.0
17.	5	Tarbox, Travis (16)	AL	0392	0380	L8	L15	W18	L10	1.0
18.	5	Sloan, Peter (15)	AL	0405	0347	L4	L5	L17	L14	0.0

6th Grade

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.	6	Young, Brennan G (1)	AL	1189	1208	W11	W3	W2	W4	4.0
2.	6	Rozsa, Andrew J (3)	AL	0893	0939	W6	W9	L1	W10	3.0
3.	6	Gipson, John E (5)	AL	0850	0878	W13	L1	W8	W7	3.0
4.	6	Pelton, Kevin (7)	AL	0625	0709	W14	W11	W7	L1	3.0
5.	6	Funderburg, Eric (9)	AL	0556	0595	L9	D6	W14	W11	2.5
6.	6	Ellis,Nikita Perri (12)	AL	NNNN	0758	L2	D5	W13	W9	2.5
7.	6	Harkey, Brad (4)	AL	0867	0828	W12	W10	L4	L3	2.0
8.	6	Fulmer,Zachary (13)	AL	NNNN	0530	L10	W12	L3	W14	2.0
9.	6	Lehe, Lewis (2)	AL	1026	0960	W5	L2	D10	L6	1.5
10.	6	Kirchner,Andrew (6)	AL	0644	0656	W8	L7	D9	L2	1.5
11.	6	Guarino, George (8)	AL	0598	0546	L1	L4	W12	L5	1.0
12.	6	Givens, Mary E (10)	AL	0421	0390	L7	L8	L11	W13	1.0
13.	6	Schmid, Brennan C (11)	AL	0188	0162	L3	D14	L6	L12	0.5
14.	6	Karri,Sashank (14)	AL	NNNN	0249	L4	D13	L5	L8	0.5

7th Grade

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.	7	Balch, Ethan A (3)	AL	1108	1134	W12	W13	W3	D4	3.5
2.	7	Berry, William (1)	AL	1334	1326	W9	L7	W6	W8	3.0
3.	7	Bryant, John (4)	AL	1028	1050	W10	W8	L1	W9	3.0
4.	7	De Andrade, James (5)	AL	1009	1061	W11	D6	W7	D1	3.0
5.	7	Burwell, Thomas P (9)	AL	0916	0953	L6	W15	W13	W7	3.0
6.	7	Jones, Jordan (2)	AL	1311	1291	W5	D4	L2	W12	2.5
7.	7	Padley, John W (6)	AL	0968	0975	W14	W2	L4	L5	2.0
8.	7	Dupre, Michael (7)	AL	0936	0929	W15	L3	W11	L2	2.0
9.	7	Hall, David (8)	AL	0931	0929	L2	W10	W14	L3	2.0
10.	7	Musgrove, Kristin (11)	AL	0705	0706	L3	L9	-B-	W13	2.0
11.	7	Mitchell, Ashley (12)	AL	0702	0701	L4	-B-	L8	W14	2.0
12.	7	Gerrity, Jack (10)	AL	0891	0853	L1	L14	W15	L6	1.0
13.	7	Yerubandi, Kishan (13)	AL	0659	0621	-B-	L1	L5	L10	1.0
14.	7	Fuller,Corey (14)	AL	NNNN	0633	L7	W12	L9	L11	1.0
15.	7	Landahl,Rebecca (15)	AL	NNNN	0474	L8	L5	L12	-B-	1.0

8th Grade, 9th Grade

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.	9	Martin, Roy (2)	AL	1422	1455	W11	W3	W2	W5	4.0
2.	9	Sloan, David (1)	AL	1507	1494	W10	W8	L1	W7	3.0
3.	8	Bilbo, Jonathan D (10)	AL	0840	1016	W9	L1	W10	W6	3.0
4.	8	Rogers, Shane (11)	AL	0802	1085	W6	W7	L5	W9	3.0
5.	9	Friedman, Ari (3)	AL	1161	1148	L8	W10	W4	L1	2.0
6.	8	Tanju, Al (5)	AL	1022	1010	L4	W12	W8	L3	2.0
7.	8	Morris-Diaz, David (6)	AL	1002	1018	W12	L4	W9	L2	2.0
8.	9	Berenbok, Andy Jar (9)	AL	0887	0929	W5	L2	L6	W11	2.0
9.	9	Vennam, Sujay (4)	AL	1063	1016	L3	W11	L7	L4	1.0
10.	8	Chenault, Loral A (7)	AL	0979	0909	L2	L5	L3	W12	1.0
11.	8	Mc Lane, David A (8)	AL	0909	0851	L1	L9	W12	L8	1.0
12.	8	Mosley,Kirk (12)	AL	NNNN	0433	L7	L6	L11	L10	0.0

10th Grade, 11th Grade, 12th Grade

No.	Gr	Name	St	Rate	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.	11	Curtis, Taylor A (1)	AL	1370	1391	W3	W4	W2	W8	4.0
2.	11	Hodges, William Ross (2)	AL	1265	1263	W6	W8	L1	W4	3.0
3.	11	Dean, Norman R (5)	AL	0854	0879	L1	W7	W8	D5	2.5
4.	10	Johnson, Matthew (3)	AL	0916	0927	W7	L1	W6	L2	2.0
5.	12	Screws, Jeshua D (4)	AL	0865	0826	L8	L6	W7	D3	1.5
6.	10	Craig, Michelle (6)	AL	0757	0736	L2	W5	L4	L7	1.0
7.	12	Senn, Jonathan A (7)	AL	0604	0611	L4	L3	L5	W6	1.0
8.	10	Confer,Ryan (8)	AL	NNNN	0841	W5	L2	L3	L1	1.0

Bughouse Mania Reigns Supreme on Friday the 13th

by Thomas Young

Superstitious people believe that Friday the 13th may bring ominous events. 48 scholastic chess players and many of their parents know better, because they braved superstition, rainy weather, and extreme traffic to play in the first ever Bughouse Mania tournament. Shortly before the start of the tournament, we did discover that the Christmas lighting ceremony was to occur at the Riverchase Galleria within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the Bughouse tournament, causing a huge traffic jam for miles. Yes, a superstitious man would have said, "Aha! Friday the 13th...bad luck!" But, we were not of that belief and exactly the right number of teams were able to make it to the tournament site, the AmeriSuites Hotel on Highway 150 in Hoover.

Teams from Mobile, Birmingham, Hoover, Pinson, Huntsville, and some mixed teams that were formed at the site played for the "cool" trophies. The players fought their way through a 4-round Swiss system, Game in 5 minutes format. Players from age 7 to age 18 competed against one another in spirited, but good natured combat. Along the way were some significant upsets (the number 1 seeded team was upset by the number 7 seeded team in Round 2.) At the end of the 4th round, two teams stood tied for the lead with undefeated records. The organizers decided to break the tie with a Game in 5 minutes play-off. Seven minutes later, only one team remained undefeated, and were declared the ultimate champions for this night!

Place	Team (Names and Ages)	Score
1	Jordan Jones (12) & Brennan Young (11)	5
2	Roy Martin (14) & Andrew Rozsa (11)	4
3	Kirk Mosley (14) & Jonathan Bilbo (13)	3
Best Under 1013	Michael Dupre (12) & Greg Espenan (10)	3
Best Under 813	Shane Rogers (13) & Kristen Musgrove (12) &	2
Best Under 613	Elizabeth Hall (7) & Rachel Christie (7)	2

Friday the 13th Bughouse Mania Crosstable							
#	Team members (average rating)	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total	Awards
1	David Morris Diaz / William Berr (1306)	W 13	L 7	W 14	L 3	2	
2	Jordan Jones / Brennan Young (1250)	W 14	W 8	W 6	W 10	4	1st place
3	Roy Martin / Andrew Rozsa (1099)	W 15	W 9	W 7	W 4	4	2nd place
4	Nathaneal Chandler / Joseph Chaf (996)	W 16	L 10	L 13	W 18	2	
5	Nathan Hall / Lewis Lehe (962)	W 17	W 12	L 10	W 11	3	
6	Mason Williams / John-Tyler Span (926)	W 18	W 23	L 2	W 12	3	
7	Michael Dupre / Greg Espenan (925)	W 19	W 1	L 3	W 13	3	under 1013
8	David Hall / Jack Gerrity (911)	W 20	L 2	L 15	W 22	2	
9	Sturgeon Christie / Sarah Boyd (898)	W 21	L 3	W 17	W 15	3	
10	Kirk Mosley / Jonathan Bilbo (843)	W 22	W 4	W 5	L 2	3	3rd place
11	Gregory Smith / Andrew Chandler (766)	L 23	W 18	W 22	L 5	2	
12	Mathew Michel / Scott Plummer (721)	W 24	L 5	W 23	W 6	2	
13	Shane Rogers / Kristen Musgrove (705)	L 1	W 19	W 4	L 7	2	under 813
14	Davey Remson / Erik Lindley (690)	L 2	W 20	L 1	L 23	1	
15	Will Battle / Montgomery Brown (682)	L 3	W 21	W 8	L 9	2	
16	Jordan Davidson / Philip Ducharm (590)	L 4	L 22	L 20	W 19	1	
17	Kara Marie Young / Zach Fulmer (522)	L 5	W 24	L 9	L 20	1	
18	Lucas Williams / Spencer Shivers (514)	L 6	L 11	W 21	L 4	1	
19	Adam Burt / Spencer Applegate (421)	L 7	L 13	L 24	L 16	0	
20	Elizabeth Hall / Rachel Christie (408)	L 8	L 14	W 16	W 17	2	under 613
21	Jake Gillikin / Dustin Daugherty (unr)	L 9	L 15	L 18	L 24	0	
22	Cassidy Ellis / Kristen Rosato (unr)	L 10	W 16	L 11	L 8	1	
23	Brandy Frazier / Nikita Ellis (unr)	W 11	L 6	L 12	W 14	2	
24	Eddie Kovacik / Dustin Taylor (unr)	L 12	L 17	W 19	W 21	2	

Alabama Junior Team (9/12/98) Crosstable *from ACF Webpage*

Teams

Player		Prev	Perf	Post	R01	R02	R03	R04	R05	Score
1	MB+1	1542	1365	1548	W08	W04	W02	W03	W05	5.0
2	Knightmares	1145	1183	1163	W06	W05	L01	W07	W03	4.0
3	Vestavia	1069	1020	1067	W09	W07	W04	L01	L02	3.0
4	6-T Four	0921	0984	0928	W11	L01	L03	W10	W08	3.0
5	Cook'n with Forks &	0888	1035	0906	W10	L02	W08	W06	L01	3.0
6	Battery Powered	0730	0749	0729	L02	D10	W11	L05	W09	2.5
7	Not so Deep Blue	0485	0730	0505	B	L03	D10	L02	W11	2.5
8	Noble Knights	0802	0790	0786	L01	W09	L05	B	L04	2.0
9	Quarterback Kings	0607	0588	0599	L03	L08	B	W11	L06	2.0
10	Russet Rooks	UNR	0556	0556	L05	D06	D07	L04	B	2.0
11	e8 or Bust	0550	0286	0505	L04	B	L06	L09	L07	1.0

Alabama Junior Team

Player		Prev	Perf	Post	R01	R02	R03	R04	R05	Score
1	Andy Reeder	2144	1464	2144	W39	W27	W09	W11	W10	5.0
2	David Sloan	1492	1386	1503	W29	W16	W06	W12	W15	5.0
3	Taylor Curtis	1370	1330	1384	W21	W28	W13	W07	W18	5.0
4	Ari Friedman	1161	1287	1190	W35	W17	W08	W14	W19	5.0
5	David Hall	0875	1153	0920	W27	B	W37	W30	W31	5.0
6	Brennan G Young	1189	1192	1205	W20	W15	L02	W22	W12	4.0
7	Vaibhav Vohra	1025	1148	1058	W24	W33	W28	L03	W13	4.0
8	Jonathan Thigpen	0993	1058	1016	W26	W19	L04	W34	W14	4.0
9	Jordan Jones	1292	1295	1293	W37	D10	L01	W31	W11	3.5
10	Lewis Lehe	0981	1303	1017	W38	D09	W39	W37	L01	3.5
11	Parakash Pratibhu	1168	1207	1167	W30	W31	W27	L01	L09	3.0
12	Shikhar Vohra	1113	1000	1106	W32	W22	W16	L02	L06	3.0
13	Ethan A Balch	1108	0948	1092	W40	W18	L03	W33	L07	3.0
14	Satya Shreenivas	0970	0885	0964	W36	W34	W17	L04	L08	3.0
15	Nathan Hall	0933	0994	0944	W44	L06	W29	W20	L02	3.0
16	John-Tyler Spann	0918	0913	0921	W41	L02	L12	W44	W29	3.0
17	Nathaneal Chandler	0912	0867	0910	W43	L04	L14	W25	W35	3.0
18	Sturgeon Christie	0903	0994	0916	W23	L13	W21	W40	L03	3.0
19	Sophie Cooper	0836	0960	0859	W25	L08	W35	W26	L04	3.0
20	Will Battle	0745	0766	0749	L06	W44	W41	L15	W32	3.0
21	Jeremy Freeman	0698	0982	0732	L03	W24	L18	B	W28	3.0
22	Kurt Funderburg	0476	0771	0499	B	L12	W44	L06	W41	3.0
23	Justin Bishop	UNR	0763	0763	L18	W40	W33	L28	B	3.0
24	Jonathan M Pope	UNR	0739	0739	L07	L21	B	W42	W40	3.0
25	Clay Fewell	UNR	0729	0729	L19	D26	W34	L17	B	2.5
26	Corey Fuller	UNR	0792	0792	L08	D25	W43	L19	W36	2.5
27	Mason Williams	0940	1051	0932	L05	L01	L11	W38	W39	2.0
28	Greg Espenan	0914	0768	0886	W42	L03	L07	W23	L21	2.0
29	Evan A Bryant	0775	0767	0761	L02	W32	L15	B	L16	2.0
30	Davey Remson	0690	0749	0695	L11	W39	B	L05	L37	2.0
31	Eric Funderburg	0569	0765	0576	B	L11	W38	L09	L05	2.0
32	Charles G Snoddy	0524	0562	0521	L12	L29	B	W41	L20	2.0
33	Celia Cooper	0409	0620	0418	B	L07	L23	L13	W42	2.0
34	Andrew Lehe	0329	0561	0341	B	L14	L25	L08	W43	2.0
35	Luke Meadows	UNR	0726	0726	L04	W36	L19	B	L17	2.0
36	John Salzman	UNR	0629	0629	L14	L35	B	W43	L26	2.0
37	Sarah Boyd	0811	0713	0787	L09	D38	L05	L10	W30	1.5
38	Nicholas Lombardo	UNR	0525	0525	L10	D37	L31	L27	B	1.5
39	Adam Cohen	0941	0789	0885	L01	L30	L10	B	L27	1.0
40	Montgomery Brown	0633	0539	0610	L13	L23	W42	L18	L24	1.0
41	Elizabth W Hall	0415	0266	0384	L16	B	L20	L32	L22	1.0
42	Thomas Shattuck	0382	0274	0356	L28	B	L40	L24	L33	1.0
43	Rachel Christie	UNR	0350	0350	L17	B	L26	L36	L34	1.0
44	Erik Lindley	UNR	0368	0368	L15	L20	L22	L16	B	1.0

1999 Alabama State Scholastic Individual Chess Championships

DATE: Saturday, March 13, 1999
LOCATION: Chaffee Elementary School in Huntsville, Alabama
DIRECTIONS: From I-565, take the Memorial Parkway South US 231 South exit (exit 19A). Continue for 5.3 miles on US 231 and take a right onto Logan Drive (4th light). Go straight for 0.3 miles and take a left on Taft Dr. which leads into the Chaffee Elementary parking lot.
DETAILS: 5 Round Swiss. USCF Rated. Four sections by grade: Open (K-12), Jr. High (K-9), Elementary (K-6), Primary (K-3). Sections may be merged, depending on entries. Alabama residents only.
TIME CONTROL: Game in 30 minutes.
REGISTRATION: Advance registration only. No registration after 4:00 p.m., March 12. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.
Check in on site 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.
Players meeting at 8:45 a.m. Send entry form and fees to:
Huntsville Chess Club
P.O. Box 7062
Huntsville, AL 35807
ROUNDS: 9:00, 10:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30.
MEMBERSHIP: All participants must be USCF ($12) and ACF ($5) members.
ENTRY FEE: $12. Make all checks payable to the Huntsville Chess Club.
TROPHIES: Open: 1st-5th place. Jr. High: 1st-5th place.
Elementary: 1st-10th place. Primary: 1st-10th place.
TITLES: Open: High School Champion (must be in grade 9-12).
Jr. High: Junior High Champion (must be in grade 6-9).
Elementary: Elementary Champion (must be in grade 4-6).
Primary: Primary Champion.
CONCESSIONS: The parents of the newly formed Chaffee Chess Club will provide concessions. Proceeds will go towards developing the chess club.
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Alabama State Scholastic Team Chess Championship

17 April 1999

LOCATION: John Carroll Catholic High School, Birmingham, AL. I-65 to Lakeshore exit; go west 3 traffic lights/1 mi. to end of Wildwood complex; take right onto John Carroll Drive, right through the campus gates and up the hill. Park in first lot on the left.

FORMAT: 4 player teams (no alternates). Teams with fewer than 4 players are acceptable, but strongly discouraged.
5 round Swiss. USCF rated. Game in 30 minutes.
On site check-in 8:00-8:45 AM.
Rounds begin at 9:00, 10:30, 12:30, 2:00, and 3:30.

PREREQUISITE: USCF membership (14 ys & under $12/yr, Youth $17/yr) ACF membership ($5/yr) Team members MUST attend the same school, administered by a single principal (or equivalent). Alabama schools only. Team roster must be in USCF rating order

SECTIONS: Open (K-12), Junior High (6-9), Elementary (4-6), Primary (K-3) Sections may be merged depending upon the number of entries.

ENTRY FEE: **ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION**
$48/team if received by April 10. $60/team after April 10.

REGISTRATION: Must be received by 4:00 P.M., Friday, April 16. **NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION** Make checks payable to South Shades Crest (SSC) Send completed entry form, entry fee (plus USCF and ACF fees if due) to: Vasha Rosenblum, South Shades Crest School

PRIZES: State Team Champions
High School Team Champions, 2nd Place High School Team,
Middle School Team Champions, 2nd Place Middle School Team,
Elementary Team Champions, 2nd Place Elementary Team,
Primary Team Champions, 2nd Place Primary Team,

CONCESSIONS: Breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Chess books and equipment. T-shirts.

QUESTIONS: Vasha Rosenblum

==========FILL IN COMPLETELY==========

TEAM NAME _____ SECTION _____

SCHOOL _____ Coach _____ Phone _____

1. NAME _____ USCF ID _____ Exp.Date _____ Rating _____

   ADDRESS _____ DOB _____ GRADE _____

2. NAME _____ USCF ID _____ Exp. Date _____ Rating _____

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Jefferson County Scholastic Chess League

PURPOSE

The Purpose of the Jefferson County Scholastic Chess League is to provide semi-formal chess competition among scholastic teams. The goal is participation; many of the "rules" are flexible.

LEAGUE PLAY

Every team in the league shall play every other team, once. At the beginning of the season (1 October) a list of teams, and matches indicating the "home team" for each match, will be distributed. Teams should negotiate mutually convenient dates. They may also negotiate the size of each team. Teams should be between 4 and 10 players, depending on the sizes of the two programs. A match may consist of either 1 or 2 games for each pair of players, depending on the time available. The result of each match is simply 1, 1/2, or 0. Individual game scores do not matter. Results should be reported to the League Commisioner.

RULES

As much as possible, play should follow USCF rules. However, this is NON-rated play, and players need not be USCF members. A time control of Game/30 is suggested, but this may be negotiated on a match-by-match basis. Most matches will not require the use of clocks, at all.

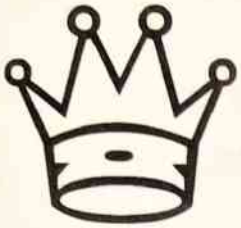
HOSPITALITY

The visiting team is responsible for transportation. The home team is responsible for the site, the chess equipmen t, and refreshments (Milk&Cookies, or Surge&Snickers) .

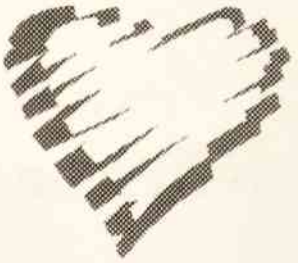
PRIZES

At the end of the season, the overall winning team will receive a trophy, suitable for impressing the Principal, and will have the entry fees paid for a 4-player team to play in the Alabama Chess Federation's Scholastic Team Championship (usually held in March, or April). (Players in this event must be USCF and ACF members.)

Commisioner: Dale Robbins
Academic Advisor: Vasha Rosenblum
Chief TD & WebMaster: Kenneth Sloan



27th Annual Queen of Hearts Chess Tournament



February 20 - 21, 1999, University Center Student Activities Room, Auburn University **at Montgomery** (AUM), Montgomery AL

Prizes*

Open Section
(open to all)

1st	$300
2nd	$125
Top Expert	$100
Second Expert	$50
Top A	$100
2nd A	$50
Top < 1800	$100
2nd < 1800	$50

Reserve Section
(under 1600)

1st	$150
2nd	$75
Top D	$75
Top E	$75
Top Below 1000	$50
Top unrated	$50

* based on 45 entries for both sections combined. There must be at least three players in a class for the "second prize" for that class to be awarded.

Entry fees

Entry fee: $35 if mailed by Feb. 14 to Rhodes Peele [redacted] (make check payable to Montgomery Chess Club - write USCF number on check and state desired section); **$40** at site, 8:15 to 9:00 A.M. Saturday.

Time control, etc.

Time control (both sections) **:** 35 moves in 90 minutes; then sudden death in 30 minutes.
Round times: Saturday, 9:30, 2:30, 7:30; Sunday, 9:30, 2:30
Sponsors: Montgomery Chess Club and AUM Academic Competition ("College Bowl") Team.

A "Heart of Dixie Tour" Event

Play chess anytime, anyplace ...

First Sundays in Birmingham ....

First Sunday Quads

When: The First Sunday of **(almost)** every month (please check the ACF Calendar)
Where: Hill University Center on the UAB campus (corner of University Ave and 14th Street South)
What: Low-cost USCF rated Quads, G/45. **Entry fee: $2.00.** Some sections may be Hex, or G/30
Times: **Registration,** 1:00-1:30; **Rounds,** 1:45, 3:15, 4:45
Prizes: Clear winner in each section receives free entry to the next event.
Contact: Ken Sloan

Last Saturdays in Fort Benning ...

KELLY HILL REC CENTER TOURNAMENTS

When: The **last Saturday** of each month. Tournament **starts** at 12:00 noon, **Eastern** tiime.
Where: Building 9079, Fort Benning, Georgia.
What: Three-round Swiss system tournament, USCF rated, G/75, entry fee $4.
Contact: For more info call Mason Lawrence after 12 noon on Monday, Thursday or Friday; or Lamar Causey after 6:00 PM
Sponsor: Phenix City Chess Club. Web page: http://members.aol.com/Lam33/index.html

First Saturdays in Montgomery ...

MONTGOMERY QUADS/HEXADS

What: USCF Quickrated quads and/or hexads. For adult and scholastic players. 3 or 4 games. Time control: G/29. Players determine format.
When: Thr **first Saturday** of (almost) every month. Check the ACF calendar ... 1999 schedule: Jan 2nd, Mar 6th, Apr 3rd, May 1st. Registration: 11:00 - 11:30; rounds: 12 noon; 1:30; 3:00. Rounds may be played ASAP.
Where: Comfort Suites Hotel off of Eastern Boulevard, 5924 Monticello Drive. We are usually in the Cafe. Please ask at the information desk.
Contact: Caesar Lawrence

A "Heart of Dixie Tour" Event

1998/9 "Heart of Dixie" Chess Tour *by Bill Melvin*

The Alabama **"Heart of Dixie"** Chess Tour is a year-long contest to help promote Alabama chess participation and competition. The 1998-99 Alabama "Heart of Dixie" tour will span from September 8, 1998 through the 1999 Alabama State Championship. For a tournament to qualify as an Alabama "Heart of Dixie" Tour event, it must meet the following requirements:

- It must be **USCF rated.**
- It must be an **open weekend tournament in Alabama (or within 10 miles of the ACF Affiliate's location) of at least three rounds** in length.
- It must be **advertised on the ACF WWW Calendar** as an Alabama "Heart of Dixie" tour event at least one month in advance. Multiple events may be scheduled for the same weekend.
- A copy of the final **wall chart** and appropriate Dixie Tour **fees** must be **submitted** to the ACF Secretary / Treasurer within two weeks of the end of the tournament.

Prize Fund

The prize fund will be formed from tournament fees of 50 cents per paticipant and other donations. The ACF is donating $100.00 to the prize fund for the "Heart of Dixie" Tour's third year. Prizes will be awarded to top players of each class by the following percentages of the prize fund:

Master/Expert:	1st, 10%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class A:	1st, 10%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class B:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class C:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class D:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class E/Unrated:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%

Conditions of Awarding Prizes

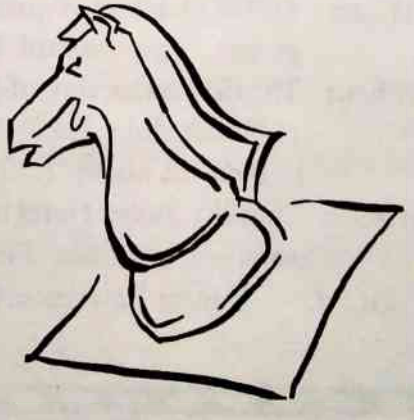
- The final class standing of a player will be determined by the August 1999 USCF rating supplement.
- Players must be ACF members to accumulate Heart of Dixie points.

Earning Heart of Dixie Points

ACF members may earn Heart of Dixie points as follows:

Each player participating in an Alabama USCF Grand Prix Dixie Tour event will earn 10 "Heart of Dixie" points. Players participating in the Alabama State Championship will earn 15 "Heart of Dixie" points. Players participating in all other "Heart of Dixie" Tour events will earn 5 "Heart of Dixie" points.

Players will be awarded additional Heart of Dixie points for their performance result in any "Heart of Dixie" Tour event. The performance award consists of the tournament score. For example, suppose Robert J. Kasparov scores 3.5 out of five at the Paint Rock Open. He scores 10 points for playing and 3.5 points for his result for a total of 13.5 points.



ACF Calendar *maintained by Dr. Ken Sloan*

This table of chess events is mostly taken from the webpage http://www.cis.uab.edu/info/faculty/sloan/ACF. Look it over and ***mark your calendar*** *with all events that you* ***might*** *want to play in! Organizers, please call or E-mail Dr. Sloan so that your tournament(s) can be listed. On very rare occasions, tournaments have to be cancelled or rescheduled after they have been announced in the Antics. For this reason, it is sometimes a good idea to communicate with the organizer or contact person before driving to an out-of-town event.*

Event	Date and City More information on	Contact Person	Phone and/or E-mail address
BCC XII	February 9, 16, 23; March 3; Birmingham	Kirk Petty	
Queen of Hearts *A Heart-of Dixie Tour Event*	February 20 - 21, Montgomery, page 24	Rhodes Peele	
Kelly Hill Rec Center Tmt.	February 27, Fort Benning, Georgia; page 25	see page 25	
Montgomery Round Robin *A Heart-of Dixie Tour Event*	March 6, Montgomery, page 25	Caesar Lawrence	
First Sunday Quads	March 7, Birmingham, page 25	Kenneth Sloan	
Birmingham Blunders Quick G/20 3 rd Swiss	March 9; Birmingham (register 6:30 - 7:10)	Kirk Petty	
Scholastic Individual	March 13; Huntsville page 21	Bill Melvin	
BCC XIII	March 16, 23, 30; April 6 Birmingham	Kirk Petty	
Kelly Hill Rec Center Tmt.	March 27, Fort Benning, Georgia; page 25	see page 25	
Deadline for submitting material for May - July *Antics*	**April 3**	Rhodes Peele	
Montgomery Round Robin *A Heart-of Dixie Tour Event*	April 3, Montgomery, page 25	Caesar Lawrence	
First Sunday Quads	April 4, Birmingham, page 25	Kenneth Sloan	
Birmingham Blunders Quick G/20 3 rd Swiss	April 13; Birmingham (register 6:30 - 7:10)	Kirk Petty	
Alabama State Scholastic Team	April 17, Hoover page 23	Vasha Rosemblum	
Kelly Hill Rec Center Tmt.	April 25; Fort Benning,, Georgia; page 25	see page 25	
Montgomery Round Robin *A Heart-of Dixie Tour Event*	May 1, Montgomery, page 25	Caesar Lawrence	
First Sunday Quads	May 2, Birmingham, page 25	Kenneth Sloan	
Kelly Hill Rec Center Tmt.	May 30; Fort Benning, Georgia; page 25	see page 25	

The **Alabama Chess Federation** (ACF) is the United States Chess Federation (USCF) affiliate for the state of Alabama. Membership is open to any interested individual or organization by paying the annual membership dues. Please support Alabama chess by **joining** or **renewing** your annual membership in ACF. Benefits of membership include a subscription to the quarterly publication *Alabama Chess Antics.*

ACF Membership Application

☐ Regular, $10 ☐ Scholastic (under 19), $5 ☐ Affiliate, $15

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Phone and/or E-mail address _____

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